

Park St. May 28-1852.

Dearest Miss Weston,

You are indeed a model of forbearance & indulgence, had I been guilty of any wilful negligence I shd be utterly melted by the coils of fire you have kept on my undiscerning head. But as nothing but the force of circumstances has caused my reluctance, I am simply full of gratitude for your two last affectionate letters, & trust that a few lines of explanation will suffice to make your patience hold out till I can give some greater token than mere ~~affection~~ ^{affection} that you are ~~at least as much~~ ^{as} when we were under the same roof a part & parcel of my mental furniture. In fact I am often surprised by sudden yearnings coming over me (connected perceptibly with nothing in my thoughts or deeds) ~~to have you close at hand to love & guide~~, emotions that used to be prone to in childhood, but which for want of scope for their exercise have become nearly extinct of late years. I think it ^{must} come from not having had a fair share of you to myself when you were here, for I was not conscious at that time of your standing out in the foreground in the midst of the universal love awakened by your group. However I won't stay to account for the revival of the childlike weakness, there it is, & you must believe, even when all connecting links seem severed, that there is a sense in which we are together. You would pity & not scold us if you could but see what an unintermitting tide of antislavery work we have to stand against, & how often we are on the point of being swallowed up by a sudden avalanche in addition. We really must both have grown wiser

drously strong, to have only occasional temporary
silents & no serious illness all the winter, I never
remember such a long period of freedom or a time I
when I could stagger up again so speedily after a train
had break down, & go on as before. You will believe
I am very grateful, & very free from anxiety to see my
father able to go about & do so many things, of so many kinds,
for so many people, as has been his mission ever
since you saw him. None of our antislavery work
comes self-imposed or invited; it comes to us
voluntarily, & there is no escape, no running away, for it
would only accumulate, & as the house is already
choked up, we shd. in case of once emerging find re-
entrance impracticable. From this ^{explanation} you see there is no
virtue in our working hard, ^{as yet} but it is the labor of bygones
at least it is a perpetual rolling the stone up a very
steep hill without ever coming to a ledge where we may
have to let breath. But I believe ^{we} have never retro-
graded, & that the ascent is very slow, for want of strength
propelling power, it is very slow. I sometimes am
half amused, but most frequently appalled, at finding
that my perpetual linking together of all sorts of dis-
jointed & dissimilar members is indispensable
to the working of the machinery, & that any omission
would break the connection & impede or obstruct ~~the~~
course; & that if anything is to be done by recent openings
for disentangling the cause from the all pervading
closely woven web of new organization which had
nearly suffocated it all over this land it must be
by means of this vigilance, incessant adaptations &
appliances; & that this one house in Bristol has
to do everything in this line that is done, & that we
have to keep grasping one & another of these various
tapering points of union to prevent the branches
being scattered irrecoverably. This gives ^{us} a good deal
of thinking work from the compilations of what are
"Counters statements," pamphlets (&c.) I am amused to

find your estimate so highly, for the tenor of your
arguments led me to imagine you would consider
it the idlest waste of time to put the truth before
people who did not intuitively perceive it. Dr.
Campbell & Co. were telling falsehoods, & I had interests
too Webb not to trouble you with a specimen of
that department of our action) from the array
& company of this & Dr. Webb's "Appomattox affair"
(the needed documents for it were in my keeping
the needed matter falling so much more under
my sphere of observation than his that I had to
tease him with perpetual suggestions of the
patiently embodied,) down to the sending out
of Bazaar Gazettes & Liberty Bells, circulating
these said pamphlets & my currency & invaluable
addition, plus in every respective town in
taking due care to see that they do appear prominently &
fitted with Broad St. instances, doing the
same thing with the Mathews & Scoble con-
troversy, preparing, dispensing our ministerial
Appeal Statistics, (which has gone to about
400 clergymen) composing the notes to be officially
sent with them to various associations, &
writing all sorts of things to all sorts of presid-
& Secretaries of Associations in Miss Tribe's
name, & in addition doing all the local business
of our pretentious society! You will fancy
from this outline that it has been no holiday time,
but I could fill up the picture with all the hunting,
our lists of subscribers, Baptist ministers, & Adjudic-
& Unions, & Meetings, & all the rewriting & do-—

tailings of disjointed manuscripts, all the pre-
correctings, references, extracts, &c. all the letters
correspondence - (There are 72 letters on my list
for last month I know) if you did but watch the
things in their course you would wonder that
I have been obliged for the time ~~being~~ to resign prior
friendships & any sort of general social intercourse
kept steadily on, bearing the reproaches of you
near & at a distance, who all presume they
are forgotten, & now the grumblings of your sis-
ter Anne who certainly has been too generous to me
to deserve neglect. Had you been in this country
so that I could have profited by your counsel, you
would have been tormented often enough with my
long writing during this long interval of silence
Each department of our labor too has had to be got through
within a given time, preparatory to meetings of one
kind & another, previous to the coming out of the
adrels &c &c. My Father has been quite at differ-
ences, but we have had to take somewhat different
lines. He was in London ^{last month} helping S. Smith
in that singular battle with Scoble, (did you ever
see the correspondence in the N. Amⁿ of April 18?)
in which Scoble backed out of his proposed interview
with Mr. Brown because the latter would not nominate
his son to G. Thompson, & Mr Farmer as his friends
leaving Scoble unrestricted as to number of his ports
since then Mr. Brown has set upon Scoble from behind
during him behind his back, & threatened to have him
before a jury if he will not meet in the presence of 20
gentlemen. My fear is the sky quakers will shuff
off all their lens on Scoble, & pretend Brod. Sh. is per-
fied as soon as he is shipped off to Canada, & this we
never do! Oh I have not yet told you of my most imp.
work, it was as urgent as anything because it
done at all it must be done now, while we have
Miss Tiber's name. (I am sorry I alarmed you by
libelling her, for she is as hearty an old organization

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as every) only her thoughts being concentrated & con-
centrated on her matrimonial prospecto. Her mind
being divided between writing to her lover, her Regime
regime, preparations of her disappearance, & visits to
friends, & social gatherings, ^{the secret of her} ~~her~~ ^{success} ~~in forming~~
any personal relations to the cause lies in her
dreamy reminiscence of past days, & the
consciousness of which she cannot fully awaken.
This of course is to say a trying contrast to the
energy she put forth a year ago. Then perfectly
of resources for devising & executing ~~various~~ ^{bold} & ~~bold~~ ^{bold} & ~~bold~~ ^{bold} &
bold schemes which then characterized her.
Now anything I extract out of her is at the expense
of such an amount of spurring & prodding on
my part that this labor is ten times greater than
doing the thing outright; never the less ~~she~~ ^{we} are
branches in which her being the agent, is so
that I am reduced to going thru' the whole
process. By such ~~means~~ ^{means} of united perseverance
& coaxing, & sympathizing a great deal over her
maladies (which I fail to perceive) her lover
(whom I fail to advise) my machinations have
succeeded, & the long cherished wish of my heart
is in train - namely to history of the origin &
affinities & past & present course of the existing
Bristol & Clifton ladies' Almshouse. She has
made a skeleton, but it is rather too
much of an abstract for oral & worth, however
it is approved by the Committee with expressed hope

it should be strengthened) if it is of the hardest,
still already) by any additional facts; so
I hope to be able to intersperse a few of her
tribes pitiful reminiscences to vivify it. I
took up the talk from last Feb^r. to advantage
when I entered on the stage, & have brought it
from its last page ^{step by step} this season when according
to Mrs^r Tribe's law men as trees walking; up to
its noon day blaze of light, interweaving as much
philosophy as its slender frame would admit
support, for the ~~opposition~~^{strength} of those who are weak
in the faith, & giving such a summary of our
last year's operations, present intentions
engagements, & showing such circumstantial
evidence & detail, in fact such credulous &
research joined to such obstinacy & complete
honesty, & uncompromisingness of principle
that altogether the worthy ladies who listened
with opened mouths & suppressed enthusiasm
are convinced. The immediate overthrow
of the B. & F. Soc^t, if not of Slavery, much better,
I am not given to look for results, so shall be
contented with having told ^{the world that} the truth; & now
if you never have the good fortune to see
this remarkable production, or I of getting
another trumpet, you will at least have had
one opinion of its merits. Speaking of our reuniting
the stages of these progress from darkness into
light reminds me of a complaint of Mr Chappin's
at a resolution of sympathy with you, & the
Am. A.S.S. having been published after my departure
from Bristol, to which I have not before had an opportunity of replying. I am sorry we shd have done
anything unpleasant to you personally or greatly
objection, but the sole object in the step was the

extreme importance of seizing the moment when
Their feelings were warmed & their recollection of
facts imperplexed by lapse of time or contradictory
reports, to make the Com^c mail their colors to the
mass & proclaim to the world their conversion
to ^{trusts} secure the permanence of their adhesion to the
Am. Ab. Soc. We never meant to take any liberties with
your names, or give you any personal recognition
that would, we know, be unbecial, it was simply
^{for} your living ^{as} the first living representatives of a society
that they had heard of only to be abated, as the
understanding of all that was dangerous & in-
general, - that you were turned to account. The
latter reason leads us to bring ^{the} resolution into
the report; the information collected from
the trials has been recorded before, & Mr Chapman's
declaration of the nonentity of the Am. Ab. Soc. fac-
tivity of the Am. Ab. Soc. ^{comes} This opportunity of gaining
further satisfaction from personal intercourse
with members of the Am. Ab. Soc. their result. It has
occurred to me to take advantage of this incidental
notice to insert in a note that Lewis Tappan
^{gives information} told an unwarantable story about any thing
having been published respecting him by Mr Chapman
in this neighbourhood; every proof of downright
falshood is a wonderful gain to us at this
stage of progress, but if Mr C. has any objection
to this contradiction there will be abundant
time for her to forbid it in the course of the next
fortnight. You are much more magnanimous
than and I rather pt Mr Webb's dropping the best
bit out of his pamphlet in consequence of selecting the
first. Isay the next ^{one} will be disgruntled the

never been able to feel friendly towards the party
in consequence. You were very ill treated not to be
seen there; it must have been one of the occasions when
Mr Chapman "did not act up to your ideal of her duty."
What she did to her own. I am quite unconscious what
effect has been produced on any individual by our
pamphlet, except that Dr Campbell has remained quiet
since receiving it. He ^{had} announced his intention of
carrying the war further into the territory of the infi-
delists - something may be in store, but I think he has
got into such a jumble with his abode of L. Garrison, &
defence of "brother Channing" that I imagine he will
be the ^{last} alone finding the motley group of "brethren"
can "dwell together in unity." Your estimate of the
fluence of the pamphlet, unmeasured, because you do
not overlook the wanting lack of means of placing it be-
fore the thousands of eyes that have rested on their
Banners columns. The mysterious ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{but} ~~but~~ ^{and}
people are now regarding Mr Garrison must be in-
creditable to you who have ~~ever~~ ^{ever} been conscious
that ^{his} name was the terror of the community this side
of the world. Here these opprobrious charges are
only connection in which it ever comes before their
majority, & a request, from any quarter, for additional
aid is often repelled by saying "The accounts of the abolition
characters &c. &c. are too revolting for any sympathy to be
felt in their proceedings," as if we could awaken ^{the world}
it is hopeless to give it any useful channel. Miss
has met with two instances of this sort within a week
both brought about by that abominable Banner
^{one evening} party, some people gave an involuntary shudder at
her alluding in terms of respect to Mr Garrison, even
mentioning it a name that she ^{did} not escape the lips
of a modest young lady. I know you think all
these people such fools as not to be worth saving
but they never had light & there is no getting it to them
every avenue being choked up, while their power
of mischief ^{in extending their influence} is incalculable. So you see we have an
uphill work to carry on. I don't like to go into many
details but my allotted space is exhausted. At the first
call I mean to take up your & Mr Chapman's pre-
cious letters & ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ ^{and} their impression was
not transient. It is my misfortune never to be able to go
out of thought to work over by letters till they have passed
totally to the writers who set them free. My Father days, he had